

ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Nursing

RULE NO. & TITLE: Rule 610-X-3-.06, Deficiencies

INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend the regulations related to deficiencies on national licensure examination scores.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend Administrative Code, Rule 610-X-3-.06, Deficiencies. A copy of the proposed amended rule may be found on the Board's web site, www.abn.alabama.gov, under "laws" and then "proposed rule changes." The proposed changes clarify requirements for the time period a nursing education program has to correct deficiencies related to the national licensure exam scores.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Written or oral comments will be received by the Board of Nursing until 4:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 6, 2012. Verbal or written comments be directed to N. Genell Lee, Executive Officer, at P.O. Box 303900, Montgomery, AL 36130-3900 or via electronic mail at Genell.Lee@abn.alabama.gov or via telephone at 334-293-5210.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
The record closes at 4:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 6, 2012.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: N. Genell Lee, Executive Officer.

Executive Officer

ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

RULE 610-X-3-.06

DEFICIENCIES

Rule 610-X-3-.06 Deficiencies

- (1) The Board shall conduct surveys and evaluations as often as necessary to determine compliance with all standards set forth in Chapter 610-X-3.
- (2) The Board shall, upon determining that a program is not in compliance with standards set forth in Chapter 610-X-3, provide to the governing institution administrator and nursing program administrator a written notice of deficiencies that establishes a reasonable time, based upon the number and severity of deficiencies, to correct deficiencies.
- (3) A nursing education program that receives a Notice of Deficiency from the Board shall establish a written plan within the specified time and provide reports to the Board as requested to document progress in removing deficiency (ies).
- (4) The Board shall conduct a hearing for any program that fails to correct identified deficiencies within the time specified by the Board. The Board may:
 - (a) Withdraw approval from the nursing education program resulting in graduates being ineligible to take the licensing examination.
 - (b) Continue approval of the nursing education program for a specified time period.
 - (c) Direct the nursing program administrator to notify students in writing of the Board's decision.
- (5) Approved nursing education programs that fail to meet the national licensure examination pass rate shall have the following time frame to correct the deficiency:
 - (a) Registered nursing education programs shall have two years from receipt of the Notice of Deficiency for fiscal year pass rates results.
 - (b) Practical nursing education programs shall have one year from receipt of the Notice of Deficiency for fiscal year pass rates results.
 - (c) Provisionally approved nursing education programs shall have one year from receipt of the Notice of Deficiency for fiscal year pass rates results.

Author: Alabama Board of Nursing

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-21-5

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